

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) A quick coupling device, comprising:

a tubular body having a connection section arranged to receive in a leaktight manner one end of a duct; and

a retaining member mounted on the body and possessing tabs that are elastically deformable between a first state of gripping an outer bead on the end of the duct, and a second state of releasing the bead,

wherein the retaining member is mounted on the body to turn around a central axis of the body between a free deformation position in which the tabs can deform between the first and second states, and at least one holding position in which the tabs cooperate with a surface that is secured to the body and that holds the tabs in one of the first and second states~~7~~,

in the holding position, each tab is in its gripping states and is received at least in part in a housing of the body having a surface that opposes deformation of the tab towards its release state, and

each tab cooperates with a ramp of the body lifting the tab so as to bring it into its release state, wherein the retaining member possesses two holding positions that are angularly offset relative to each other.

11. (cancelled)

12. (previously presented) The device according to claim 10, wherein, in the holding position, each tab cooperates with a ramp of the body lifting the tab so as to bring it into its release state.

13. (currently amended) The device according to claim 12, wherein, in the free deformation position, the retaining member is arranged to be capable of being driven axially by the ~~second~~ duct towards a locking position in which each tab in its gripping state is received at least in part in a housing of the body having a surface that opposes deformation of the tab towards its release state.

14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) The device according to claim ~~14~~ 10, wherein the two holding positions are situated on either side of the free deformation position.

16. (currently amended) The device according to claim 10, wherein the body has a radial abutment surface [[]] for cooperating with a front radial surface at the free end of each tab when the tabs are subjected to a traction force.

17. (previously presented) The device according to claim 10, including indexing means for indexing the retaining member relative to the body at least for the free deformation position of the retaining member.

18. (previously presented) The device according to claim 17, wherein the indexing means comprises at least one flexible blade extending axially from the retaining member or the body to cooperate with a stud projecting radially from the body or from the retaining member.

19. (currently amended) A quick coupling device, comprising:

a tubular body having a connection section arranged to receive in a leaktight manner one end of a duct; and

a retaining member mounted on the body and possessing tabs that are elastically deformable between a first state of gripping an outer bead on the end of the duct, and a second state of releasing the bead,

wherein the retaining member is mounted on the body to turn around a central axis of the body between a free deformation position in which the tabs can deform between the first and second states, and at least one holding position in which the tabs cooperate with a surface that is secured to the body and that holds the tabs in one of the first and second states,

~~The device according to claim 10, wherein~~ and the device further includes a link section remote from the connection section, and the link section has an end face having an axially extending collar.

20. (previously presented) The device according to claim 10, wherein the connection section has a cylindrical housing of a diameter slightly greater than an outside diameter of the end of the duct.

21. (previously presented) A quick coupling device, comprising:

a tubular body having a connection section arranged to receive in a leaktight manner one end of a duct; and

a retaining member mounted on the body and possessing tabs that are elastically deformable between a first state of gripping an outer bead on the end of the duct, and a second state of releasing the bead,

wherein the retaining member is mounted on the body to turn around a central axis of the body between a free deformation position in which the tabs can deform between the first and second states, and at least one holding position in which the tabs cooperate with a surface that is secured to the body and that holds the tabs in one of the first and second states,

~~The device according to claim 10, wherein~~ and the device further includes a link section remote from the connection section, and the connection section is surmounted by a rim that extends beyond the connection section away from the link section.

22. (currently amended) The device according to claim 21, wherein the rim is integral with the connection section and the ~~possesse~~ possesses an inside diameter of a portion projecting from the connection that is greater than an outside diameter of the outer bead.

23. (currently amended) The device according to claim ~~10~~ 21, wherein the rim has a plurality of tongues, the tongues extending axially and each tongue possessing a free end provided with a catch projecting toward an inside of the rim.

24. (previously presented) The device according to claim 23, wherein each catch has an inclined facet on one side, and a radial facet on an opposite side.

25. (previously presented) The device according to claim 21, wherein a plurality of setbacks are formed at an outside of the rim at 120° intervals from one another.

26. (previously presented) The device according to claim 25, wherein each setback is defined by pairs of lateral edges extending parallel to the axis, and by a transverse edge extending perpendicular to the axis.

27. (previously presented) The device according to claim 25, wherein each setback opens out remote from the transverse edge.

28. (cancelled)